

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method Method of distributing encrypted portions of an audiovisual program to user terminals comprising, successive portions of the program are encrypted with the aid of different keys, wherein, on initiation, from a user terminal, of a telephone communication with a call center, comprising the steps of:

transmitting said encrypted portions of an audiovisual program using at least one of: cable transmission, satellite transmission and over the airwaves transmission;

transmitting in sequence from said call center and during the telephone communication ~~transmitting~~ the keys to the user terminal over said telephone communication, said keys are used for descrambling said audiovisual program, where said telephone transmission of said keys is performed in a manner synchronized with the distribution of the successive encrypted portions of the program and said telephone communication is over a telephone path, which is separate from said at least one of cable transmission, satellite transmission and over the airwaves transmission; and

upon completion of the telephone communication with a user terminal, duration of telephone communication is determined in said call center as to draw up a bill corresponding to the reception of the program by the user terminal.

2. (currently amended) The method Method according to Claim 1, in which the telephone communication utilizes an Internet protocol.

3. (currently amended) The method Method according to Claim 1, in which synchronization time codes are transmitted with the keys to the user terminal.

Claim 4 (Previously cancelled)

5. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to Claim 1,
in which the call center is a center for receiving telephone calls of a telephone
operator.

Claims 6-12 (Previously cancelled)